

REMARKS

Claim 42 has been amended. Claims 1-40 and 43-46 have been cancelled without prejudice. With entry of this Amendment, claims 41 and 42 will be pending.

Support for the amendments to claim 42 can be found at least on pages 4, 8, and 18 of the specification. No new matter has been added. The Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the allowance of claim 41.

Rejections under Section 112, First Paragraph

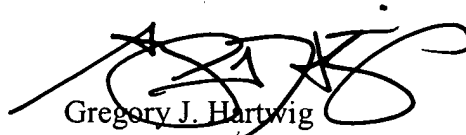
Claims 13 and 42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Office action states that the claims contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventors, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Claims 13, 20-23, and 42-46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as not being fully enabled.

Without acquiescing to the propriety of the rejections, Applicants have canceled claims 13-23 and 43-46 without prejudice and amended claim 42 in order to advance prosecution. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections to claim 42 are rendered moot by the amendment. Reconsideration and allowance of amended claim 42 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is strongly encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience should any issues remain.

Respectfully submitted,



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